

**WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF DUNELLEN, NJ**

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025*

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Advent Reading for PEACE

LEADER: Today we light the candle of "PEACE." The Hebrew word for PEACE is Shalom, a PEACE which brings well-being, wholeness and harmony; life the way God made it. Jesus is the Prince of Peace who restores our relationship with God and brings healing to the mixed up, tattered, dissonance of our sin-sick lives. "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." (Ephesians 2:14) Today as we light the second candle on our Advent Wreath: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

**ADVENT PRAYER**

**ALL: Father God, we thank you for the PEACE you bring in Jesus. You are faithful & we trust your promises. Heal us, restore us & fill us with PEACE as we wait on you this Advent season. O come, O come Emmanuel. God with us! Amen!**

**SONG** *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* Hymn 170

**CONFESSION**

LEADER: Lord forgive us for not relying on you, for excusing our own anxiety, for causing dissension, and for not seeking peace.  
(*Silent Confession*)

**ALL: O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1

LEADER: You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**GREETING, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER**

**SONG** *Silent Night, Holy Night!* Hymn 164

**SCRIPTURE** *Luke 2:8-14; Isaiah 9:1-7*

**SERMON:** **O HOLY NIGHT** Rev. Tim Osborne  
*1. A Thrill of Hope, the Weary World Rejoices*

**SONG** *O Holy Night!* Hymn 160 (v.1-3)\*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** Isaiah 53:5  
**ALL: "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION**

**SONG** *Crown Him (Christmas)* On Screen

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** *O Come, Let Us Adore Him* Hymn 126 (v.1)

**POSTLUDE**

\*verse 3 of O Holy Night is on screen only



## A THRILL OF HOPE, THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

Luke 2:8-14, Isaiah 9:1-7

*How does Jesus' birth bring hope to a weary world?*

1. Sin brought \_\_\_\_\_, oppression & \_\_\_\_\_; Jesus' advent brings

a \_\_\_\_\_, increase, \_\_\_\_\_ & rejoicing. (Is. 9:1-5)

2. " \_\_\_\_\_ Planner - \_\_\_\_\_ God - Father Forever -

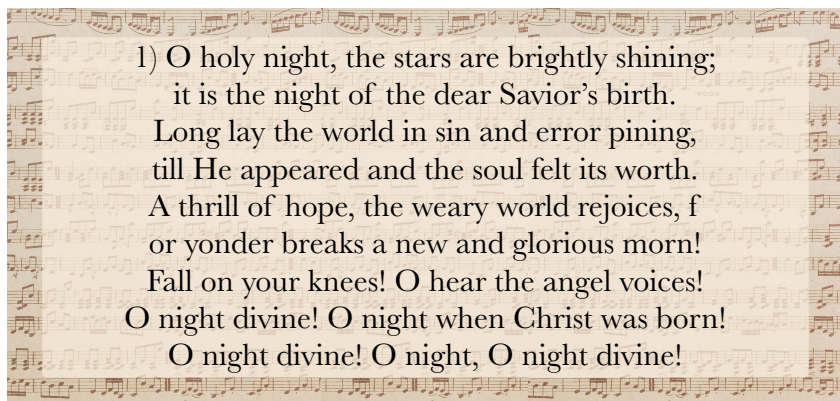
\_\_\_\_\_ Ruler" was born to shoulder our \_\_\_\_\_

& set the world \_\_\_\_\_. (Is. 9:6-7)

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_, power, glory & joy \_\_\_\_\_ our

world & banished \_\_\_\_\_, invited \_\_\_\_\_ in the good

news of a \_\_\_\_\_. (Lk. 2:8-14)



FPCD SERMON BY REV. TIM OSBORNE ON 12.7.25 - ADVENT 2

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